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C O N F I D E N T I A L VICTORIA 302

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SUBJECT: SEYCHELLES COUP D' ETAT: SITREP 6 (1930 LOCAL)

REF: VICTORIA 301 AND PREVIOUS

1. AT 1830 RADIO ANNOUNCEMENT SAID CURFEW WOULD REMAIN IN FORCE
THROUGHOUT NIGHT AND WILL BE MORE STRICTLY ENFORCED. BULLETIN SAID
"THOSE WHO DISOBEY AND LEAVE THEIR HOMES RUN THE RISK OF BEING
SHOT." SCHOOLS WILL BE CLOSED TOMMORROW, JUNE 6, BUT HOTEL
AND ESSENTIAL SERVICES WORKERS ONLY ARE EXPECTED TO RETURN TO
WORK IN THE MORNING. AT 1845 AFTER CONFERING WITH DET 4
COMMANDER, I TELEPHONED CENTRAL POLICE STATION TO ASK FOR
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EXEMPTION TO CURFEW TO PERMIT ESSENTIAL TRACKING STATION PER-
SONNEL TO MOVE FREELY BETWEEN HOUSING SITE AND TECHNICAL SITE
(3 MILES APART). CALL WAS PASSED TO RENE WHO TOLD ME STATION PER-
SONNEL WERE FREE TO MOVE AS OPERATIONS REQUIRED BUT IT POSSIBLE
SOME WOULD BE STOPPED BY ROVING PATROLS. HE ADDED THAT ALL
"SECURITY FORCES" HAD BEEN ALTERED TO ALLOW FREE PASSAGE TO
STATION PERSONNEL (WHOSE VEHICLES IDENTIFIABLE BY WINDSHIELD

STICKER) AS WELL AS DIPLOMATS FLYING FLAG ON VEHICLES.

2. HUNGARY BELGIAN CONSUL TELEPHONED STATED HE HAD HEARD ON RADIO THAT BRITISH, FRENCH & AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HAD CONGRADULATED NEW GOVERNMENT. I TOLD HIM I HAD NO COMMENT WHATEVER ON RADIO REPORT. (FYI: HAVE NOT BEEN IN CONTACT WITH FRENCH CHARGE, BUT BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER AT 1500 WAS UNDECIDED ON U.K. RECOGNITION QUESTION (STATE 129475; NOTAL) AND COMPLETELY PREOCCUPIED WITH WELFARE OF DETAINED BRITISH SUBJECTS FOR MYSELF, ISSUE NEVER AROSE IN EARLIER TELECON WITH RENE. ONLY SUBJECT I RAISED CONCERNED WELFARE OF AMCITS.

3. IN JUST COMPLETED TELCON PUGH SAID FRENCH CHARGE CONFIRMED TO HIM THAT HE HAD IN FACT CONGRADULATED RENE WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS FROM PARIS. PUGH SAID HE HAS HAD RECENT TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH RENE ON CONSULAR MATTERS ONLY.

4. POLICE ADVISORS AND CHIEF JUSTICE (AND FAMILY MEMBERS) WHO ARE TO BE DEPORTED HAVE BEEN ASSEMBLED AT CENTRAL POLICE STATION FOR TRANSFER TO AIRPORT.

5. RENE ASSURED PUGH SEYCHELLES WOULD CONTINUE MEMBERSHIP IN COMMOMWEALTH AND HOPED BRITISH TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PERSONNEL WOULD REMAIN IN SEYCHELLES.

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